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In the Application of

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Title: A PROCESS FOR MAKING HIGH
PURITY LOWER ALKYL ESTERS

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

In response to the January 15, 2002 Office Action, please enter the presented amendments and consider the accompanying remarks in the above identified application:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claim 38 as follows:

38. (Amended) An alkyl ester product made according to the process of claim 37, wherein the alkyl ester product comprises an esterified polyol selected from the group consisting of esterified alkoxylated glycerols, esterified linked alkoxylated glycerols, sucrose fatty acid polyesters and mixtures thereof.

Please amend Claim 39 as follows:

39. (Amended) An alkyl ester product made according to the process of claim 37, wherein the alkyl ester product comprises a polyol fatty acid polyester and less than about 0.5%, by weight, triglyceride.

Application Amendments

By the amendments presented Claims 38 and 39 have been rewritten to more particularly and distinctly claim the subject matter that Applicants regard as their invention.